

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

BRANSTROM et al.

Appln. No. 08/711,961

Group Art Unit: 1805

Filed: September 6, 1996

Examiner: J. Railey

Title: BACTERIAL DELIVERY SYSTEM

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January 12, 1998

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued October 10, 1997,
please enter the following amendments and consider the
following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 28-33 and 44 without prejudice and enter
the following claims:

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--45. A method for the delivery of exogenous DNA capable
of being expressed in an animal cell, said method comprising:

(i) introducing said DNA into mutated bacteria, said
bacteria having an attenuating factor which will result
in lysis of the bacteria *after* entry into said cell; and
(ii) administering said bacteria to said cell, such that
the bacteria, once inside the cell, will lyse, thereby
delivering to the cell the DNA capable of being expressed
therein.

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